GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Rats in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any complaint with regard to the rat menace in trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the response of the Railways thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Some complaints and references are being received on the Railways regarding presence of rats in coaches.

To prevent menace of rats, coaches are subjected to rodent treatment in coaching depots under comprehensive pest & rodent control treatment as per scheduled periodicity. Besides, pantry cars are completely vacated before undertaking rodent treatment of coaches and cleaning in primary maintenance depot. Pantry car staff are being counseled for proper upkeep and maintenance of cleanliness in pantry cars. Suitable penalties are also imposed on the agency undertaking rodent treatment of coaches against performance deficiency as per terms and conditions of contract.

Complaints/suggestions, whenever received, are acted upon appropriately by Railways and suitable corrective action is initiated to prevent its recurrence.

Besides, inspections/checks are also carried out at various levels to monitor the quality of rodent control treatment in coaches.

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